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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: [redacted] 25X1
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management
SUBJECT: Discussion with Bill Miller

Fred Hitz and I talked with Bill Miller [redacted] of the Senate Select Committee staff on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was set up to clarify what they desired from us and to explore how that matched with what we had prepared.

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Bill Miller stressed that he did not desire further justification of the FY 79 reclama decision. He is concerned with the "whole range of reconnaissance issues" and thinks that a broad background is required for his senators to deal effectively with the appropriations action. They want information on options and costs in time for the conference, which will probably be next week.

Miller had been to the White House on Monday to talk with the Vice President about the progress of SALT. He stressed again and again that the Administration's program for intelligence did not coincide with its ambitious policy on SALT II and SALT III. He and Danny are very concerned with options for both the near term--between now and 1984 or so--and for the post 1984/1985 period.

I told them that all they could expect to get from us quickly would be essentially a restatement of our testimony in the spring and the results of the SALT monitoring study which we provided to them in February. Such a document would be consistent with what they desire. I believe, since the monitoring study assumed the execution of the

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program that went with the top line in our projections of the NFIP. 25X1
(They recognize that you're constrained and don't want to put you in
a position where you are compromised within the Executive Branch.)

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Miller [redacted] emphasized again that we should be presenting
an ambitious program to the Congress. Miller's view is that the
intelligence cost of SALT II is on the order of [redacted] dollars 25X1 25X1
a year and that we simply must be willing to pay that.

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